

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **April 24, 2008** @ 4:30
Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Rodriguez, Lennon, Lauritsen, Atkins (Signor
excused absence)

Staff Present: Chief Sanchez, Captain Bob Lowry, Assistant City Attorney Michelle
Montez, Councilmember Iya Falcone, Fire Chief Ron Prince, Police
Technician Holly Michels. Lieutenant Martel, Sergeant Baker, Officer
Ruiz, Officer Benson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Lauritsen to approve minutes of **March 27, 2008**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

Tamara Erickson requested update on validity of Madison's Dance Permit. Capt. Lowry explained that investigation is complete and the owners of Madison's have been given a letter stating that the permit is invalid. In terms agreed upon jointly by Chief Sanchez, the City Administrator and the City Attorney's Office, the owners will have until May 1, 2008 to submit a new dance permit application and the matter will be heard at the May 22, 2008 Fire & Police Commission meeting. Dancing will be allowed at Madison's until the issue is heard.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. DANCE PERMIT – Bricks Café– 509 State St.

Present: Wally Ronchietto, owner.

Allen Schnurr, Jacques McKalen and Jason Locicero spoke in support of the permit. Tamara Erickson and Gene Zannon spoke in opposition of the permit.

Officers from NET spoke regarding dancing taking place at Brick's without a dance permit; a warning was issued to Mr. Ronchietto

MOTION: Atkins to approve Option 2 of the police department recommendations with the addition of 2 conditions on the ABC license that pertain to music and amplification.

VOTE: This motion was seconded by Lauritsen; Commissioners Lennon and Rodriguez voted nay; motion died

NEW MOTION: Rodriguez to deny permit

VOTE: Motion passed; 3 – 1 vote (Rodriguez, Lennon, Lauritsen voted aye to deny permit/Atkins voted nay against denying permit)

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Points of Discussion:

- May 12th 6 candidates will attend the academy
- Construction contract approved by Council
- Arson fire & apartment fire in the last week
- Teen CERT class at high school, 20 participants
- Busy fire season ahead; pack test must be taken by all firefighters; firefighters must carry 45# pack 3 miles and complete the course in 45 minutes
- Phone scam happening targeting seniors regarding collecting money for the fire department; fire department has put this scam out to all media warning residents

9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Points of Discussion:

- Captain Lowry spoke regarding Footbath Massage Center/Tommy Ung; case went to trial and the jury came back with a guilty for prostitution
- June 27th there will be 6 cadets graduating in Camarillo; June 26th @ 3:00 in Jury room there will be a swearing in ceremony; all Commissioners are invited to attend either or both ceremonies
- Candidates are being interviewed; Council has given permission to over-hire due to several upcoming retirements
- Promotional tests happening in the next few months for Captain, Lieutenant & Sergeant due to retirements
- Gang issues still a priority; more updates at next Fire & Police Commission meeting regarding summer projects for at-risk youth

11. ADJOURN: 5:33